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## **VALUE OF NEW YORK FRUIT PRODUCTION DECREASES**

The value of New York's 2009 tree fruit and grape production totaled \$305 million, down 11 percent from the 2008 value, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The value of utilized production was below the previous year for all fruits except pears, peaches, and berries.

The 2009 apple crop in New York was up 6 percent to 1.32 billion pounds. This year's value of utilized apple production, based on packinghouse door equivalent returns, totaled \$224 million, 12 percent below the 2008 crop value. New York ranks second in apple production behind Washington.

Grape production in New York decreased 23 percent from 2008 to 133,000 tons. Fresh grapes totaled 2,000 tons while 128,000 tons were crushed by wineries and processors. Grapes utilized for juice accounted for 66 percent of the total grapes processed with the remaining 34 percent going for wine.

The value of the 2009 grape crop is estimated at \$48.3 million, 18 percent below the 2008 crop value. New York ranked third in grape production behind California and Washington.

New York's tart cherry crop is estimated at 11.2 million pounds, up 17 percent from the 2008 crop of 9.6 million pounds. The value of utilized production is estimated at \$2.46 million.

New York sweet cherry production, at 1,240 tons, is up 18 percent from the 1,050 tons produced in 2008. The 2009 crop is valued at \$2.30 million compared to \$3.24 million a year ago.

Peach production for the Empire State is placed at 6,500 tons, up 18 percent from the 2008 level. The value of the 2009 crop, at \$5.41 million, is up 13 percent from 2008.

Production of pears in New York is estimated at 11,200 tons, up 9 percent from the 2008 output of 10,300 tons. The 2009 crop is valued at \$4.85 million, up 2 percent from 2008. New York ranks fourth nationally in pear production. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/ny](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny).

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